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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS

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1. BRITISH HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SOVIETS THEMSELVES OF
PARALLEL SOVIET DEMARCHES HAVING BEEN MADE TO USG,
GREEKS AND TURKS. THIS DISCLOSURE WAS MADE BY SOVIET
CHARGE WHEN HE CALLED ON FCO MINISTER OF STATE TO
EXPRESS SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND
ASK FOR BRITISH VIEWS. SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPT. HEAD
GOODISON TELLS US HE WAS THEN ASKED BY MINSTATE TO
REPLY AND DOWNPLAYED THREAT OR URGENCY OF SITUATION ON
CYPRUS. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS DID NOT ASK
BRITISH TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO AREA GOVERNMENTS.

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(WE CANNOT OF COURSE KNOW IF SUCH A REQUEST MAY HAVE

COME SHOULD BRITISH HAVE SHOWN MORE CONCERN.)

2. BRITISH AMBASSADORS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS SOVIET APPROACH WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, AS HAS BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. PART OF THEIR BRIEF INCLUDES FACT THAT PARALLEL SOVIET APPROACHES WERE MADE TO US, GREECE, AND TURKEY.

3. HICOM NICOSIA HAS BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HOST GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS BEEN ASKED FOR ITS COMMENTS.

4. PENDING REPORTS BACK FROM THESE BRITISH CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR ALLIES, FCO IS TAKING CALM VIEW OF SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS WELL AS OF SOVIET INITIATIVE. SOHM

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